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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: GOI THREAT TO PAN AM FLIGHTS BEYOND ROME

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1. HIGH ALITALIA OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF ON SEPT 6 THAT DISPUTE OVER PAN AM'S RIGHT TO CARRY PASSENGERS STRICTLY CONNECTED WITH RENEGOTIATION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND THAT INTERRUPTION OF PAN AM'S SERVICES BEYOND ROME NOT IMMINENT.

2. FEW DAYS EARLIER KNOWLEDGABLE MFA OFFICIAL SMILINGLY TOLD EMBOFF THAT IT APPEARED U.S. "IMPERIALISTS" WOULD ONCE AGAIN GAIN VICTORY IN PAN AM DISPUTE.

3. CIVILAVIA OFFICIAL HAS INDICATED VERY CAUTIOUSLY TO PAN AM THAT AS OF AUG 25 PAN AM SHOULD BE EXERCISING STRICT CONTROL OVER TRANSITS AND BOARDINGS AT ROME FOR POINTS EAST, BUT THAT CIVILAVIA ENFORCEMENT ACTION NOT IMPENDING.

4. COMMENT. ABOVE STATEMENTS SEEM TO INDICATE THAT FURTHER DIRECT ACTION BY CIVILAVIA AGAINST PAN AM FLIGHTS NOT VERY LIKELY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS AND PERHAPS THROUGH END OF SEASON. HOLMES

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